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WASHINGTON, July 1, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 25 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 4.8 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 385.8 billion ton-miles, 3.7 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 25 totaled 376,916 cars, 1.4 percent over 1982, and 0.1 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.7 percent in the West, but down 5.3 in the East and 0.9 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were up, led by metallic ores which increased by 58.4 percent. Other significant gains included: coke, 37.5 percent; nonmetallic minerals, 27.7 percent; lumber and wood products, 15.2 percent; and grain, 10.5 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 18 totaled 46,536 cars, up 23.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 80,572 trailers and/or containers, 22.4 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 1,029,615 cars, 19.3 percent higher than last year, and 1,768,066 trailers and/or containers, up 15.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/25/83:

	Loadings in Week ended June 25, 1983		Change from Corresponding Week 1982			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,327	I	2,403	10.5	I	567	2.3
Other farm products	4,056	D	322	7.4	D	563	12.2
Metallic ores	22,291	I	8,222	58.4	I	704	3.3
Coal	104,928	D	15,420	12.8	I	173	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,158	I	1,347	13.7	D	583	5.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,810	I	2,565	27.7	I	1,657	16.3
Grain mill products	11,441	I	244	2.2	I	327	2.9
Food and kindred products	10,953	D	1,907	14.8	I	118	1.1
Primary forest products	14,316	D	498	3.4	D	666	4.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,783	I	1,028	15.2	I	203	2.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,630	D	1,016	6.1	I	242	1.6
Chemicals and allied products	21,565	I	455	2.2	D	989	4.4
Petroleum products	4,788	I	168	3.6	I	70	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	10,639	I	437	4.3	D	251	2.3
Coke	5,415	I	1,477	37.5	I	35	0.7
Metals and products	7,957	D	128	1.6	D	391	4.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,241	I	576	3.3	D	334	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	8,221	I	578	7.6	D	139	1.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,279	D	828	9.1	D	131	1.6
All other carloads	51,823	I	7,202	16.1	I	145	0.3
LCL traffic	295	D	1,316	81.7	I	31	11.7
Total Cars Loaded	376,916	I	5,267	1.4	I	225	0.1
Corresponding week of 1982	371,649						

	1983	1982	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	8,808,030	9,450,710	D 6.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 weeks ended June 18	369.1	384.8	D 4.1
Week ended June 25	16.7	15.9	I 4.8
25 weeks cumulative	385.8	400.7	D 3.7

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